GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1692
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2006
AEZ FOR MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has accorded approval to Agricultural Export Zone (AEZ) Project for medicinal and aromatic plants ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether above project is still pending with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Agency (APEDA); and

(d) If so, the details thereof and the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, two agri. export zones have been approved by the Government for Medicinal & Aromatic Plants on the basis of proposal submitted by two State Governments of Uttaranchal and Kerala. The State-wise details are as under:

Uttaranchal: An Agri Export Zone was sanctioned by the Steering Committee on 03.02.2003 . MoU between APEDA and Herbal Research and Development Institute

(HRDI) was signed on 26.03.2003.

Kerala: The proposal for setting up of an AEZ for Medicinal and Aromatic plants in Kerala State was considered and approved in the Steering Committee meeting held on 24.09.2004.The MoU between APEDA and the State Government of Kerala was signed on 01.01.2005.

(c)&(d): In addition to above, APEDA has also received few more proposals from the States of Uttaranchal & Kerala. The proposals have been submitted to Ministry of Commerce & Industry for approval under the ASIDE Scheme. The details are annexed.

Annexure
Uttranchal Rs. in lakhs

S.No.	Name of the Project	Activity	TotalFunding Support requested	Remarks
1.	Proposal for establishing Common Super Critical Fluid ExtractionProcessing Unit (SCFE) as Common Facility Processing Facility for Export Promotion at Centre for Aromatic Plants (CAP), Selaqui, Dehradun	305.11	240.11	
2.	Proposal for establishing of `Herbal Analytical and Tissue Culture Laboratory` at lab Gopeshwar at Chamoli)	Tissue Culture Setting up of	438.31 100.00	
3.	Quality lab for testing	Setting up of	438.31290.00	Proposal is

Common Facility – To be used by Growers/ Industrialists/ Exporters, which will help them to test the herbal and medicinal plants in orer to standardize the herbal products, as per international specifications	Quality lab for testing for consideration in the Authority Meeting of APEDA to be held on 17/11/2006	being put up scheduled		

Kerala

Rs. in lakhs

S.No.	Name of the Project	Activity	Total requested	Funding Support	Remarks
1.	Project proposal under the ASIDE Scheme for manufacture of medicines and aromatic plants in Palakkad, Kerala of M/s. Agastya Biopharm India Ltd.	Land under AEZ for medicinal Develo-pment and Machinery including R & D equipments	20100.00	2725.00	